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Subj: 2003-2004 HUNTING SEASONS, LIMITS, AND OPERATIONAL HOURS
FOR THE GAME CHECKING STATION (GCS)

Ref: (a) MCBO P11015.2A, Chapter 3

Encl: (1) 2003-2004 Hunting Seasons
(2) 2003-2004 Game Checking Station (GCS) Hours of Operation,
MCB Hunter Orientation Safety Class Schedule, and Mainside
Archery Qualification Class Schedule
(3) 2003-2004 Early Checkout Schedule

1. Purpose. To publish 2003-2004 hunting season dates, bag limits, GCS hours of operation, hunter orientation safety class schedules, early checkout procedures, and special policies for hunting at MCB, Quantico.

2. Information

a. Procedures and requirements for hunting at MCB, Quantico, are per the reference, except as updated by this Bulletin. Enclosure (1) provides the hunting season dates and bag limits for 2003-2004.

b. The GCS hours of operation are shown at enclosure (2). The GCS is closed on Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The GCS closes at 1200 on Thanksgiving Day; hunters must return to the GCS no later than 1200.

c. License Sales. Base hunting, fishing, and woodcutting licenses are sold at the GCS from opening time until either 1600 or closing time, whichever comes first, on days that the GCS is in operation. Sales may be closed from 1100-1300 during early checkout.

d. License Cost. The annual MCB hunting license, valid for the 2003-2004 hunting season, costs \$15.00. A trip license, valid for three consecutive hunting days, costs \$5.00. Persons under 18, 65 and over, and persons having the VA permanently disabled resident lifetime license will be provided a hunting license free of charge.

Non-hunters will be issued a certificate of completion of the MCB Hunter Orientation Safety Course in lieu of a license. The cost to replace a lost license is \$1.00.

e. VA Hunter Education Course. Hunters who need to attend a Virginia Hunter Education Course are advised to contact the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) at www.dgif.state.va.us for a listing of course offerings. Courses are scheduled at the MCB Rod and Gun Club in April, August, and September. Registration for these courses can be done at the GCS in person or by telephone (703-784-5523/5329).

f. MCB Hunter Orientation Safety Class. Classes are given at GCS, bldg 5-9, and will start promptly per the schedule listed in enclosure (2). Hunters who were licensed to hunt at MCB, Quantico during the 2002-2003 hunting season are excused from the class; all other hunters must attend.

g. Early Checkout. The early checkout schedule for assignment of daily hunting permits is shown at enclosure (3).

h. Mainside Qualification. In order to hunt in the Mainside Archery Hunting Area, MCB licensed hunters must attend the Mainside Archery Qualification Class. The class schedule is listed at enclosure (2). Because there is limited class space, hunters should signup in advance at the GCS to reserve a seat. During the GCS hours of operation, signup may be accomplished in person or by telephone (703-784-5523/5329). The training class includes an archery skills test. Archery hunters should bring their archery equipment and at least six arrows. Either broadhead or field points will be allowed. Successful qualification will require the archer to shoot 3 out of 5 arrows into an 8-inch round target placed at a distance of between 15 and 25 yards. Qualification is from an elevated position.

i. Access to Scout Hunting Areas West of I-95

(1) Non-Hunting Days. On non-hunting days, permission for any hunt related activities must be obtained from the Range Management Branch (RMB) in person. This includes any scouting, dog training, or temporary tree stand installation/retrieval. Access will only be authorized from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

(2) Spring Gobbler Season. Hunters wanting to scout and roost gobblers after hunting hours during the spring gobbler season may get permission from RMB. These individuals must return to RMB no later than 1 hour after sunset. Failure to return passes on time will be handled as hunting violations.

j. Access for Scouting East of I-95

(1) Training Areas 2, 3, and 4. These areas are normally open for hunting activities only during the Christmas holidays and are not open for scouting.

(2) Mainside. Personnel who have completed the Mainside Archery Qualification Class may obtain permission at the GCS to do pre-season scouting in the mainside hunting area from 10 September 2003 to 3 October 2003, inclusive. Scouting will be permitted only between 0800 and 1400, Monday-Saturday, and the scouting pass must be returned to the GCS by 1500. Individuals must park at designated mainside hunting parking areas.

k. Time Restriction for Arrival at Hunting Areas. Hunters having a valid daily hunting permit may arrive at and enter their assigned hunting area no sooner than 0400 except for hunters assigned to dove fields during September. Dove field arrival is limited to 1 hour before the legal shooting time.

l. Deadline for Return to the GCS. Per paragraph 3003.2b of the reference, the normal deadline for return to the GCS is 1 hour after hunting ceases, with the exception that waterfowl hunters in designated blinds are given 1 1/2 hours. During the deer season (first Saturday in October through the first Saturday in January), due to the additional locked security gates on the base perimeter, hunters assigned to hunting areas 9B, 13, 14A, 15C, 16A, 16B, 17A, 17B, 17C, and 17 Upshur, will be given 1 1/2 hours after hunting ceases to return to the GCS before they are considered late.

m. Hunter Checkout Deadline. The issue of daily hunting permits for the current day's hunt will cease 1 hour before legal shooting time ends. At 1 hour after sunset, all unissued and unreserved permits for the next day's hunt will be issued on a first-come first-served basis.

n. Maps. MCB hunting area maps are provided at the GCS. Topographic maps are not available at the GCS. Hunters should note that area 8 has been divided into two areas, 8A and 8B, and area 6A has been deleted due to a land exchange agreement with Prince William Forest Park.

o. Russell Road Landfill. This area is only available on a limited basis and is restricted for use by hunters in wheelchairs and their hunting partner. They can request use of the area per the guidelines at paragraph 3005 of the reference. No vehicle traffic is

allowed on the landfill cover. Hunting will be from designated stands adjacent to the landfill. Shotguns and muzzle loading guns per the reference may be used during the designated firearms seasons.

3. Special Deer Management Policies

a. Special Muzzle Loading Gun Season. This season will not be in effect aboard the Base.

b. Bonus Deer Tags. These tags, sold by the VDGIF, will not be accepted for deer harvested from the Base.

c. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Tags. The GCS may provide DMAP tags to hunters for the harvest of antlerless deer in archery hunting areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area, 2, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur. Only DMAP permits issued by the GCS are valid at Quantico. No more than two DMAP tags can be used per day per hunter. Deer tagged with DMAP tags will not count against either daily or season bag limits.

d. East of Blue Ridge Deer Tag Valid for Antlerless Deer Only at Quantico. On the VA deer, bear, turkey license, the tag designated for use east of the Blue Ridge will only be accepted for antlerless deer harvested from the Base.


e. Crossbows. Disabled hunters who are authorized by the VDGIF to hunt with crossbows are authorized to utilize the equipment on Base, but must provide the GCS with a copy of the crossbow authorization form and must have the form in their possession while hunting.

4. Bobwhite Quail and Ruffed Grouse Seasons Closed. Bobwhite quail and ruffed grouse may not be harvested on Base. Bird dog training is allowed per procedures in the reference. Quail populations have declined to low numbers aboard the Base. The intent is to reopen the season when quail recover and fully occupy the available habitat on Base. All hunters are encouraged to report to the GCS locations where quail are observed.

5. Nuisance Species. Animals designated as nuisance species in VA may be taken at any time while checked out to hunt and include, coyote, groundhog, European starling, and English sparrow. Hunters will report to the GCS any nuisance species that are taken on Base. Hunters are reminded that shooting or harming dogs is illegal.

6. Fields Off-Limits to Migratory Waterfowl Hunting. Fields planted to annual grains and manipulated to attract doves may not be legally hunted for geese and ducks. A map of these fields will be posted at the GCS.

7. Action. Addressees will adhere to and ensure the widest dissemination of the contents of this Bulletin.



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2003-2004 HUNTING SEASONS

BEAR

Archery 11 Oct- 8 Nov One per season.

VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) regulations apply:
Females with cubs may not be harvested. Minimum weight 100 lbs live or 75 lbs dressed.

CROW

1 Sep-31 Jan No bag limit. It is lawful to hunt crows only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

DEER

Archery 4 Oct-14 Nov

Either-sex.

Firearms 15 Nov- 3 Jan

Buck-only, except on designated either-sex days, which are, 22, 28, and 29 Nov, and 18 Dec-3 Jan.

MCB, Quantico Deer Hunting Notes & Definitions:

Antlerless Deer: Females (does) and male fawns (button bucks) without polished bony antler protruding above the hairline and are considered to be antlerless deer.

Bucks: During the buck-only portion of the firearms deer season, only mature bucks, those with polished antlers protruding above the hairline, may be taken. Deer Management Assistant Program (DMAP), East of the Blue Ridge, and Antlerless Tags may not be used on mature bucks.

Daily Bag Limit: One deer per hunter per day, except that hunters in the archery only areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area, 2, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur may take up to two additional antlerless deer per day on DMAP tags, which do not count against either the daily or season bag limit.

Season Bag Limit: Four per license year. The East of the Blue Ridge Tag on the VA deer, bear and turkey license may be used at MCB, Quantico for antlerless deer only. Antlerless deer taken on DMAP tags do not count against the season limit.

Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation: The VA youth antlerless deer regulation applies at MCB, Quantico and all tagging and checking policies specified by VA regulations are applicable.

2003-2004 HUNTING SEASONS

DOVE

1 Sep-27 Sep	Daily Limit: 12. During the first
8 Oct- 8 Nov	season, 1 Sep-27 Sep, hunting is
31 Dec-10 Jan	allowed from 1200 until sunset on
	Mondays and Saturdays and only
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

FURBEARERS

Fox	1 Nov-31 Jan	No limit
Opossum	15 Oct-31 Jan	No limit
Raccoon	15 Oct-31 Jan	Daily limit: Two

Note: Legal hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset only.
Night hunting is prohibited.

QUAIL & RUFFED GROUSE

Closed Season

RABBIT

3 Nov-31 Jan	Daily limit: Six
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SEPTEMBER GOOSE

1 Sep-25 Sep	Daily limit: Five
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SEPTEMBER TEAL

13 Sep-23 Sep	Daily limit: Four
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SQUIRREL

6 Sep-31 Jan	Daily limit: Six
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TURKEY (Fall Seasons)

Archery	4 Oct-25 Oct
Firearms	27 Oct- 8 Nov
	27 Nov (Thanksgiving Day)
	8 Dec- 3 Jan

2003-2004 HUNTING SEASONS

TURKEY (Spring Gobbler)

3 Apr: Youth Turkey Hunt. Youth hunters 15 years of age or younger may hunt and must be accompanied by their parent, guardian, or authorized adult. The adult may not carry a weapon. All participants must be licensed to hunt on MCB, Quantico, for the 2003-2004 hunting season.

10 Apr-15 May

Daily Limit: One.

Annual Limit: Three, no more than two turkeys may be taken in the fall.

Note: Legal hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1200 for the entire season.

WATERFOWL: Duck, goose, and swan seasons established by the VDGIF will be in effect at MCB through 31 January 2004.

WOODCOCK

1 Nov-15 Nov
20 Dec- 3 Jan

Daily limit: Three

2003-2004 GAME CHECKING STATION (GCS) HOURS OF OPERATION,
MCB HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS SCHEDULE,
AND MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CLASS SCHEDULE

DATES	GCS HOURS OF OPERATION	MCB HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS TIMES
27 Aug-29 Aug ¹	0800-1600; closed Saturday, 30 Aug	0800, 0900, 1000
1 Sep- 3 Oct	0800-1 1/2 hours past sunset	0800, 0900, 1000
4 Oct-26 Nov	0530-1 1/2 hours past sunset	0545, and as requested from 0645-0945 (Monday-Saturday) and 1315-1515 (Monday-Friday).
27 Nov (Thanksgiving)	0530-1200	0545, 0700
28 Nov- 3 Jan	0530-1 1/2 hours past sunset	0545, 0700, 0900
5 Jan-31 Jan	0630-1 1/2 hours past sunset ²	As requested from 0645-0945 and 1315-1515.
5 Apr- 9 Apr	0800-1300	0815, 0915, 1015
3, 10 Apr-15 May	0445-1300	0500, 0600, 0700, 0800
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CLASS SCHEDULE³		
9 Sep- 4 Oct (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, only)		1300
14 Oct & 1 Nov		1300

- Note: 1. Early checkout for hunting on Monday, 1 September, will be done on Friday, 29 August.
2. At 1 hour before sunset, no more passes will be issued and the GCS will close as soon as the last hunter has returned.
3. Hunters should pre-register at the GCS for these classes.

2003-2004 EARLY CHECKOUT SCHEDULE

2003-2004 EARLY CHECKOUT SCHEDULE FOR FALL/WINTER HUNTING SEASON			
Hunter Category	Checkout Time ¹		Authorized Issue of Daily Permits ²
	In-Person	Telephone	
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1125-1130	1140-1700	Will be issued permits from the GREEN quota.
GREEN and BLUE with CVP Card	1130-COB ⁴	1145-1700	GREEN will be issued permits from the GREEN quota; at 1300, GREEN may also be issued permits from the BLUE quota. BLUE CVP will be issued permits from BLUE quota first and then from GREEN quota if BLUE permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BLUE and BROWN with CVP Card	1200-COB	1215-1700	BLUE may be issued any available permit in the GREEN or BLUE quotas. BROWN CVP member will be issued permits from the BROWN quota first and then from the GREEN quota if BROWN permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BROWN	1230-COB	1245-1700	May be issued any available permit in the BROWN quota.

- Note:
1. On Thanksgiving Day, early checkout begins 2 hours earlier than times listed in the table.
 2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of two hunting permits, one for himself/herself and one for a friend.
 3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.
 4. COB: Close of business.

ENCLOSURE (3)

2003 EARLY CHECKOUT SCHEDULE FOR SPRING GOBBLER HUNTING SEASON			
Hunter Category	Checkout Time		Authorized Issue of Daily Permits ¹
	In-Person	Telephone	
GREEN with CVP Card ²	1125-1130	1140-1300	Will be issued permits from the GREEN quota.
GREEN and BLUE with CVP Card	1130-1300	1145-1300	GREEN will be issued permits from the GREEN quota; at 1230, GREEN may also be issued permits from the BLUE quota. BLUE CVP will be issued permits from BLUE quota first and then from GREEN quota if BLUE permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BLUE and BROWN with CVP Card	1145-1300	1200-1300	BLUE may be issued any available permit in the GREEN or BLUE quotas. BROWN CVP member will be issued permits from the BROWN quota first and then from the GREEN quota if BROWN permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BROWN	1200-1300	1215-1300	May be issued any available permit in the BROWN quota.

Note: 1. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of two hunting permits, one for himself/herself and one for a friend.

2. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

2003-2004 CHECKOUT SCHEDULE FOR WATERFOWL BLIND ¹ AND DOVE FIELD ² ASSIGNMENTS	
AT 1125, HUNTERS IN LINE WILL BE SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:	PERMIT QUOTA ELIGIBILITY
(1) GREEN with CVP Card ³	GREEN
(2) GREEN	GREEN
(3) BLUE with CVP Card	BLUE & GREEN
(4) BLUE	BLUE & GREEN
(5) BROWN with CVP Card	BROWN, GREEN & BLUE
(6) BROWN	All Remaining Permits
(7) First-Come First-Served	All Remaining Permits
(8) At 1145, telephone reservations will be accepted first-come first-served.	All Remaining Permits

- Note:
1. A calendar will be published prior to the season that designates for each hunting day which waterfowl blinds are coded GREEN, BLUE or BROWN for early checkout purposes. The color designation of the blinds will be rotated on a systematic basis. Due to the limited number of blinds, a hunter may reserve or pick up only one blind during early checkout. To encourage equal access to blinds, any individual who hunted a blind may not reserve the same blind for the next day's hunt prior to 1215 during early checkout.
 2. Reservations for dove fields during the September season will be held at the GCS until 1115 on the hunting day.
 3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.